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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with MPEP § 601 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants and the undersigned attorney bring the following information with respect to the above-identified application to the attention of the Examiner.

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An International Search Report dated May 25, 2004, from the Japanese Patent Office in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/001787 is provided including an explanation of the degree of relevance determined by the Japanese Patent Office for the above-cited '658, '898, '830, '030, '559, and '127 Japanese patent documents.

A Supplementary European Search Report dated July 31, 2007, from the European Patent Office in corresponding European Patent Application No. 04 71 2178 is provided including an explanation of the degree of relevance determined by the European Patent Office for the above-cited '517 and '699 Japanese patent documents.

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International Search Report, Supplementary European Search Report and a copy of each of the listed Japanese patent documents is also filed herewith. In addition, English Abstracts are provided for the cited Japanese patent documents.

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